

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 867

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Donna Jo Pecoraro
Woodson Thornton of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Donna Jo Pecoraro Woodson Thornton; and

WHEREAS, Donna Thornton was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Gibson on February 11, 1958, Donna Thornton was the daughter of the late Anthony Joseph Pecoraro and Wilma Woods-Pecoraro; she was raised in Humboldt and Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime active member of Chi Omega Sorority, Mrs. Thornton graduated from Union University in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education with a focus on special education; and

WHEREAS, Donna Thornton served with acumen and alacrity for twenty years as a special education teacher in Memphis and Knoxville, giving her whole heart to the students she taught each day; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thornton was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Donna Thornton enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of fifteen years, Bob Thornton, and she was the proud mother of Joseph Woodson, Elizabeth Woodson, Caitlin Woodson Campbell, Cameron Thornton, and Payton Thornton; she is also lovingly remembered by her sister, Sandra Dee Pecoraro-Autry; and

WHEREAS, Donna Thornton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Donna Jo Pecoraro Woodson Thornton, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Thornton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.